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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application to discuss the issues raised in this amendment.

Claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by Brawne 5,805,138.

Claims 2-19 were rejected as being unpatentable over Brawne in view of Leatham 6,727,884.

Brawne discloses a motion input controller for a computer system which is similar to the present invention with some notable differences. The patent has an input device 18 on which a user may be seated and handle bar 208 with handle members 210 and 212, along with a riser 200 which contains sensors to produce signals as the riser is tilted or twisted. According to the Examiner, this reference "suggests a feedback mechanism between the vertical member, the hand grip, and the user output via signal transmission". This statement is not understood as the undersigned is unable to find in the reference any teaching of a feedback from the computer to impart forces to the vertical member and the hand grips. In the specification of the present application, notably, page 30, first eight lines, is described this feedback. There does not appear to be any thing similar to this described in Brawne.

Leathan shows a system for mapping input device controls and was cited for the use of control buttons on the hand grips. Presumably, the Examiner is referring to Fig. 6. There does not appear to be any teaching or suggestion in this reference of the feedback described in this application.

In view of the art cited by the Examiner, claims 1 and 16 have been extensively amended to recite this feedback feature in detail.

Claims 14-15 and 17-19 have been canceled.

The remaining depending claims all add details of the control members on the hand grips and should be allowed along with their parent claim.

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims in their present form clearly distinguish from the above references and should be allowed.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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